

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A method of providing a graphical user interface to an operating system of a computer having a video screen, comprising the steps of:

- a. providing an operating system user interface manipulable by a user,
- b. providing a frame controlled by the operating system, the frame including a graphical representation of an item and ~~at least one a slot containing a user selected property of the item,~~
- c. placing a property of the item in the slot responsive to a user selecting the property, and
- de. displaying a view of the frame on the video screen.

Claim 2 (Original): The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of displaying the view in a folder view display of a graphical environment on the video screen.

Claim 3 (Original): The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of displaying the view in an array on the video screen.

Claim 4 (Original): The method of claim 1 wherein the operating system sorts the frames by the user-selected property.

Claim 5 (Original): The method of claim 1 wherein the frame provides a plurality of sortable properties of the item.

Claims 6 – 9 (Canceled)

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): A computer-readable medium having computer-executable components comprising:

- a. a database component for storing properties specific to ~~an~~ a first item type and properties specific to a second item type with the properties specific to the second item type different from the set of properties specific to the first item type,
- b. a first control component for providing a graphic user interface on a video screen,
- c. a second control component for displaying the properties of an item of the first item type on the video screen,
- d. a user interface component for requesting the display of the properties of the item on the video screen responsive to a request from a user, and
- e. wherein the first control component is configured to retrieve the stored properties specific to the first item type from the database component and is configured to send the properties to the second control component, and
- f. wherein the second control component is configured to display the properties in a frame on the video screen.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented): The computer-readable medium of claim 10 wherein the user interface component requests a sorted arrangement of the properties of the item on the video screen.

Claim 12 (Original): The computer-readable medium of claim 11 having computer-executable instructions for performing steps comprising:

- receiving a sort request from the user,
- sorting the properties by the sort request, and
- displaying the sorted properties on the video screen.

Claim 13 (Original): In a computer system having a graphical user interface including a display and a user interface selection device, a method of selecting from a menu and providing specific properties about an item, comprising the steps of:

- a. displaying a set of menu entries including a tile menu entry,
- b. receiving a first menu entry execution signal indicative of the user interface selection device pointing at the tile menu entry on the display,

- c. displaying an arrange item menu entry including a set of cascade menu items associated therewith,
- d. receiving a menu entry selection signal indicative of the user interface selection device pointing at the arrange item menu entry on the display,
- e. in response to the selection signal, displaying the cascade menu items,
- f. receiving a second menu entry execution signal indicative of the user interface selection device pointing at one of the cascade menu items associated with the arrange item menu entry,
- g. in response to the first and second execution signals, retrieving from a default directory the specific properties of the item, and
- h. displaying dynamically the properties of the item that are specific to that item in a tile format on the display, and
- i. arranging the properties of the item on the display based on the selected one of the cascade menu items.

Claim 14 (Original): The method of claim 13 wherein the tile format is a user interface display which includes an icon and at least one row of item properties located adjacent to the icon.

Claim 15 (Original): The method of claim 13 wherein the tile format is a user interface display comprising an icon and two rows of item properties.

Claim 16 (Original): The method of claim 13 further comprising the steps of:

- a. receiving a third menu entry execution signal indicative of the user interface selection device pointing at the icon, and
- b. in response to the third execution signal, opening the item represented by the icon.

Claim 17 (Original): The method of claim 13 wherein the item is a text file.

Claim 18 (Original): The method of claim 13 wherein the item is a music file.

Claim 19 (Original): The method of claim 13 wherein the item is an image file.

Claim 20 (Currently Amended): In an operating system configured to support a plurality of file types, a method for displaying a listing of a file of one of the plurality of file types, wherein a set of relevant properties of each file type is stored by the operating system, the method comprising:

receiving a user selection of a property for the file type of the file; and

in response to the user selection, displaying the selected property with a graphical representation of the file,

wherein the set of relevant properties for one of the file types is different from the set of relevant properties of another of the file types.-

Claim 21 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 20, wherein said receiving includes receiving the user selection of the property from a list of the relevant properties of the file type.

Claim 22 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 20, wherein the set of relevant properties of the file type differs from the set of relevant properties of another of the plurality of file types.

Claim 23 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 20 further comprising ordering the set of files based on the displayed property.

Claim 24 (Previously Presented): A computer readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing the steps recited in claim 20.

Claim 25 (Previously Presented): A computer readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing the steps recited in claim 1.

Claim 26 (New): The method of claim 20, wherein the set of relevant properties for one of the file types is different from the set of relevant properties of the other file types.